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Our Case No. 10466-122

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Baker et al.

Serial No. 09/944,413

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For CHORDIN DORSALIZING AND  
HEMOGLOBIN INDUCING  
POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC  
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME

## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request continued examination and reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.